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January 5, 2018

John M. Dowdy, Partner  
Dowdy & Dowdy Partnership  
P.O. Box 2639  
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Re: Dowdy & Dowdy Partnership (DDP)  
WROA(AM), Gulfport, Mississippi  
Facility Identification Number: 17478  
Special Temporary Authority (STA)  
BESTA- 20171213ABM

Dear Mr. Dowdy:

This is in reference to the request filed on December 13, 2017. DDP requests a third extension of the STA granted on May 16, 2016, to continue operating with parameters at variance to allow additional time to file the required FCC Form 302 application.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, we noted that additional time is needed to prepare and file the application.

Requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

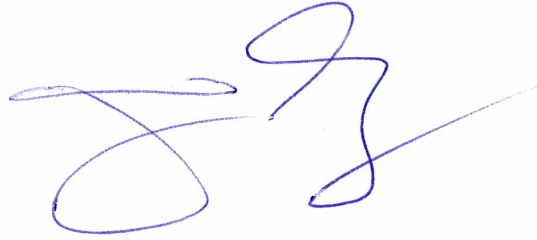
Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and DDP may continue to operate with DA parameters at variance from licensed values and reduced power if needed while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. DDP must further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received, and use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

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<sup>1</sup> WROA(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 1390 kHz, using different 5 kW patterns (day and night), and BP-20170428AAU authorizes ND operation with reduced power using the existing WGCM antenna system.

This authority expires on **July 5, 2018**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer  
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cc: John C. Trent, Esq., PHT PC (via email only)